Drinking water scarcity in U.P.

1364. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that meteorological experts are of the opinion that Monsoons may be delayed this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that over 20 districts in U.P. are already facing an acute drinking water scarcity as the ground level has dropped markedly as per the news item entitled "Specture of Drought over U.P." which appeared in the pioneer, dt. 18-4-92;

(c) whether the State Government have asked for Central Assistance in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government propose to take to help the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) According to the tentative inference made by the Indian Meteorological Department in the first week of April, 1992, the country is probably heading towards a "normal" monsoon but on the lower side of the "normal", with the possibility of the coming monsoon being somewhat sluggish to begin with.

(b) No report of acute drinking water shortage in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh has been received from the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Veterinary scientists

1365. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4092 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the Venterinary Scientists holding (i) Degree in Venterinary Science and (ii) Degree or Post Graduate degree in Animal Husbandry and Venterinary Science working in the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal have not been granted the Non-Practising Allowance; as sanctioned in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (IARI), New Delhi O.M. No. F. 24(1) 86-CDN (A and H) dated the 26th August, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what were the consideration which weighted with the NDRI, Karnal authorities to appoint a Review Committee in the light of above clear orders issued by the ICAR and what is the outcome of that Committee's recommendations;

(d) whether Government would issue necessary orders for the payment of Non-Practising Allowance to such eligible Veterinary Scientists with effect from 1st January, 1986; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Medical graduates with M.B.B.S. qualifications have enjoyed Non-Practising Allowance for a long time. Veterinary Graduates in the Ministry of Agriculture including ICAR scientists have been granted N.P.A. following the implementation of the decisions relating to Fourth Pay Commission.

According to the information furnished by the National Dairy Research Institute, 8 Scientists possessing degree or post-graduate degree in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences have already been sanctioned N.P.A. The Institute has further informed that a Review Committee has been constituted by them to examine the eligibility of remaining scientists for grant of NPA. The report of the Review Committee is still awaited according to the information furnished by them.

(d) and (e) Necessary orders for the payment of N.P.A. w.e.f. 1st January 1966 have already been issued by the ICAR vide letter No. F. 24(1)/86-Cdn. (A & A) dated the 26th August, 1991.